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Options for Integrating Budd Inlet and Puget Sound DO TMDLs.pdf

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Hello,

Here is the call-in information for our meeting next Monday.

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Also please review the attached .pdf which summarizes what we'll be discussing at the meeting. I'm looking forward to our discussion.

-Dustin

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Greetings,

I spoke with Laurie this morning about EPA/Ecology coordination on the Budd Inlet/Capitol Lake DO TMDL and the Puget Sound DO TMDL work and suggested that we have a teleconference to open the conversation with EPA on our (still developing) plan to build on the Puget Sound modeling work and develop a TMDL for DO in Puget Sound. I have been working on a project plan over the last two months, in my new capacity as the Puget Sound TMDL lead, and we are reaching a decision point on how to proceed with the Puget Sound and Budd Inlet projects. There is overlap of the two projects and we need to figure out an approach that: makes the most efficient use of our technical and financial resources, is a strategic approach to working with permittees that could potentially receive WLAs, and will result in a TMDL(s) that are approvable by EPA.

I'll be sending out more detailed information with a meeting agenda the week before our meeting to give everyone time to review the information before we discuss it. I will also set up a conference line and send out the call-in numbers with the agenda. Laurie asked that I include Dave Croxton as a "cc" but his attendance is not required.

Our meeting objectives include:

1. Discuss options for integration of the Puget Sound and Budd Inlet projects which centers around an approach for assigning wasteload allocations
2. Bring EPA up to speed on where I am at in the planning process for Puget Sound and discuss how to involve EPA in planning and executing the project plan

Developing a Puget Sound DO TMDL will be more complex than any other TMDL we've finished to date, so I am taking a very deliberate approach to create a detailed project plan (following the Project Management Institute's PM methodology) that I hope will be ready to launch by the end of this year. Bringing EPA in now will help me make sure our approach will be appropriate to develop all of the elements necessary for EPA approval.

If you have any questions before our meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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